

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-25 are hereby canceled. New claims 26-41 are added. It is respectfully submitted that claims 26-41 read on the elected species.

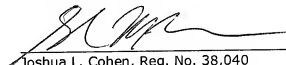
Claims 16-25 were withdrawn from consideration and claims 1-15 were rejected as anticipated by, or in the alternative, obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,428,565 (Wisselink). Applicant respectfully submits that these rejections are moot since claims 1-25 are herein canceled.

New independent claim 26 recites "A system for treating vasculature, comprising: a main component having a superior end, an inferior end and a midsection therebetween, the midsection having an outer diameter that is smaller than an outer diameter of the superior end and an outer diameter of the inferior end with a first transition extending between the superior end and the midsection and a second transition extending between the inferior end and the midsection; at least one limb extending from either the first or second transition and defining an opening; and an extension component sized to mate with the opening of the at least one limb."

It is respectfully submitted that none of the cited references, alone or in any reasonable combination, teach or suggest the claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that each of the pending claims is in condition for allowance. Early reconsideration and allowance of each of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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